

IV. REMARKS

In the Office Action, conformance was required between the drawing and the specification with respect to the showing of reference numeral "13" in the drawing, but not in the specification. The specification has been amended to recite the numeral "13" so as to provide the required conformance between the drawing and the specification.

In Point 3 of the Action, the examiner makes objection to Claim 5 for attempting to recite "user-specific password" to narrow the terminology "user-specific PIN code" that appears in claim 4. However, claim 5 actually depends from claim 3. Thus, it appears that the problem addressed by the examiner does not exist. It is requested respectfully that the examiner review the ground of objection.

Objection was made also to claim 15 because the phrase "personal PIN" is repetitious. Claim 15 is amended to correct this informality.

Claim 8, 10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for reasons set forth in the Office Action. The claims have been amended for clarity so as to overcome this ground of rejection.

Claim 13 was rejected further under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being an improper claim. Claim 13 is amended to overcome this ground of rejection.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Tayloe (US 5933785) for reasons set

forth in the Action. Claims 6, 10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Tayloe in view of the article by Lammerts, and claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Tayloe in view of Imura (US 6513719) for reasons set forth in the Action.

The following argument is believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103.

The problem treated by Tayloe is different than the problem addressed by the present invention. Tayloe views a SIM card of a mobile station from a core network. Tayloe discloses a SIM card which includes several telephone numbers. The numbers can belong to one or several persons. Tayloe addresses the problem of how to select one telephone number from the telephone numbers included in the SIM card. Tayloe discloses use of multiple network numbers for a single user to enable a single telephone number to be used in different networks (Col. 1 at lines 35-42).

The present specification views a SIM card from the point of view of a multi-user situation. The present invention solves the problem of the multi-user situation by using a SIM card of a mobile station wherein the SIM card includes several PIN codes which belong to different mobile users. Tayloe does not disclose nor suggest any use of several PIN codes, which belong to different users, in the SIM card to differentiate the users from each other.

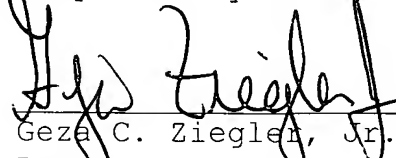
In order to distinguish the claims from the teachings of Tayloe, considered alone as well as in combination with Lammerts and Imura, the independent claims 1, 11 and 14 are amended to recite user identification during login before permitting terminal use/activation. This feature of the present invention, dealing

with user identification during login before permitting terminal use/activation, is not taught by the cited art, considered individually or in combination. Therefore, the amended independent claims, as well as their respective dependent claims are believed to have allowable subject matter.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below

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